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# PHOTOGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

ESTIMATED LENGTH OF MISSILE-LIKE  
OBJECTS AT ISTRA ASSEMBLY FACILITY



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OBJECTS AT ISTRASSEMBLY FACILITY**

This memorandum is issued in response to a request of 18 July 1957 from the Guided Missiles Branch, ORR, for a community-agreed estimate of length of missile-like objects at the Istra Assembly Facility.

A meeting was held on 12 August 1957 between representatives of CIA/RR/GP, the special Army liaison group, AFCIN 1A2, and AFCIN-4D2 for the purpose of concurring in an estimated length of the missile-like objects imaged on the October 1955 photograph of the Istra Assembly Facility.

Recent [ ] photograph of the Istra site was examined. It seemed to offer considerable promise for a firm determination of the dimensions of the buildings next to which the objects in question appear on the October 1955 photograph. It was decided that the Photographic Intelligence Division, ORR, would attempt a metrical analysis of the [ ] photograph.

On the basis of October 1955 photograph of the Istra site it was agreed that the objects are [ ] and that in the absence of evidence to the contrary from the [ ] photograph these figures would constitute the group's estimate.

The subsequent attempted analysis of the [ ] photograph produced no conclusive results because of the paucity of features in the foreground of the photographs that could be accurately

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correlated with the 1:50,000 map coverage of the area. One result of very doubtful accuracy was obtained which did, however, indicate a length of approximately [ ] for the objects. This result was not judged of sufficient reliability to alter the previously agreed estimate, which thus stands as [ ]

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